(a) whether Government, have any proposal to affiliate colleges and institutes that cater exclusively to Information Technology and Communication equal to IITs.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether government would plan to implement such a proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Power of affiliating colleges/institutes lies with the affiliating Universities, therefore the question of Government affiliating colleges/institutes for Information Technology does not arise.

(b) to (d) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

**Delay in the publication of the series "Towards Freedom"**

4427. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the report "Fate of 'Towards Freedom Project' hangs in the balance as appeared in the media";

(b) if so, whether the review Committe informed the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) of their reluctance to submit a report based on incomplete documents; and

(c) if so, the action taken in detail to avoid further delay in the publication of the series "Towards Freedom"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Government is aware of the aforesaid press-report.

(b) ICHR has informed that the Committee of Experts appointed to examine the condition of manuscripts and submit a report is still in process. The Committee members have asked for more documents, but have not expressed their reluctance to submit a report.

(c) ICHR has further informed that all possible efforts are being made to expedite the matter.